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Annotated provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session

(a) Election of officers for 2006

The President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board represent the regional groups of the United Nations. In accordance with the rotation scheme established in decision 1992/7 (E/ICEF/1992/14), for 2004 the President will be nominated from among the Central and Eastern European group of States which are members of the Board.

(b) Statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda, timetable and organization of work

[*For action — E/ICEF/2006/1*]

The provisional agenda has been drafted in consultation with the Bureau. The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments it considers necessary.

3. Annual report of the Executive Director to the Economic and Social Council

[*For action — E/ICEF/2006/3*]

The report focuses on the triennial comprehensive policy review of United Nations operational activities for development, the implementation of the reform programmes of the Secretary-General, follow-up to the United Nations Summit of September 2005 and other relevant decisions of the Council, including on follow-up to other international conferences and humanitarian and disaster relief assistance. The Board may wish to take note of the report and transmit it, together with the comments made by delegations at the present session, to the Council at its substantive session of 2005.

Under this agenda item, the Board will also consider an information note by the secretariat on recent reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) that are of relevance to UNICEF (E/ICEF/2006/4).

4. Approval of revised country programme documents (CPDs)

[*For action*]

At the annual and second regular sessions of 2005, the Executive Board commented on a total of 27 draft CPDs (Afghanistan, Albania, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chad, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Georgia, Ghana, Guyana, Indonesia, Liberia, Myanmar, Namibia, Peru, Swaziland, Timor-Leste, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, Viet Nam, Russian Federation and Palestinian children and women in Jordan, Lebanon, the Occupied Palestinian Territory and Syrian Arab Republic) and approved the aggregate indicative budgets for the country programmes. In accordance with decision 2002/4 (E/ICEF/2002/8), the draft CPDs were revised, taking into account, as appropriate, comments made by delegations during those sessions, and summary results matrices were added. The revised CPDs, which were posted on the UNICEF internet site by 1 November 2005,

will be approved by the Board at the current session on a no-objection basis, unless at least five members informed the secretariat in writing by 9 December 2005 of their wish to bring a country programme before the Board.

5. Biennial support budget for 2006-2007

[*For action — E/ICEF/2006/AB/L.1*]

The biennial support budget, which uses the harmonized format agreed upon by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and UNICEF, is presented to the Executive Board for discussion and approval. The Board is requested to approve the decision contained in paragraph --. The report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed budget (E/ICEF/2006/AB/L.3) is available for the Board's review.

6. Intercountry programmes

[*For action — E/ICEF/2006/P/L.1*]

As a result of the harmonization of the budgets of UNICEF, UNDP and UNFPA, the proposals relating to the previous category 4 (advocacy and programme development for headquarters and regional offices) are presented separately from the support budget. The Executive Board is asked to approve the draft resolutions found in paragraphs 32 and 33.

7. Report on thematic funding in support of the medium-term strategic plan

[*For information — E/ICEF/2006/9*]

Following discussions on the draft medium-term strategic plan for 2006-2009 during the annual session of 2005, especially in the context of the need for increased contributions to regular resources, the secretariat agreed to prepare a report on thematic funding in support of the organization's priorities.

8. UNICEF health and nutrition strategy

[*For action — E/ICEF/2006/8*]

Following the presentation of an oral report on the updated strategy for health and nutrition, made at the annual session of 2005, the secretariat is presenting the final strategy for adoption by the Executive Board.

9. UNICEF humanitarian response to recent crises: oral report

The secretariat will present an oral report on the UNICEF response to recent humanitarian crises, including the November 2005 earthquake that struck India and Pakistan.

10. UNICEF water, sanitation and hygiene strategy

[*For action — E/ICEF/2006/6*]

The strategy is presented to the Executive Board for discussion and approval.

11. UNICEF education strategy: oral report

The oral report will provide an update on the UNICEF education strategy and offer the Executive Board a chance to comment on it as a preface to the presentation of the final strategy at the second regular session in September 2006.

12. Private Sector Division workplan and proposed budget for 2006

[*For action — E/ICEF/2006/AB/L.2*]

The report covers the PSD work plan and proposed budget for 2006, including draft resolutions submitted for the Executive Board's approval.

13. Pledging event

As part of the UNICEF resource mobilization strategy (decision 1999/8), during the pledging event, which is held at the first regular session each year, Governments in a position to do so will announce their voluntary contributions to UNICEF regular resources for 2006, together with firm or indicative commitments for future years.

14. Other matters

The Board may consider discussing any other issues that it finds appropriate under this agenda item.

15. Closing statements by the Executive Director and the President

Annex

Proposed timetable and organization of work for the 2006 first regular session of the Executive Board, 16-20, 23 January 2006*

Monday, 16 January	a.m.	*Item 1*	Opening of the session: (a) Election of officers for 2006 (b) Statements by the President and the Executive Director
		Item 2	Adoption of the provisional agenda, timetable and organization of work
		Item 3	Annual report of the Executive Director to the Economic and Social Council
	p.m.	*Item 5 and Item 6*	Biennial support budget for 2006-2007 Intercountry programmes
	5-6 p.m.		Informal consultations
Tuesday, 17 January	a.m.	*Item 8*	UNICEF health and nutrition strategy
		Item 10	UNICEF water, sanitation and hygiene strategy
	p.m.	*Item 11*	UNICEF education strategy: oral report
		Item 9	UNICEF humanitarian response to recent crises: oral report
	5-6 p.m.		Informal consultations
Wednesday, 18 January	a.m.	*Item 13*	Pledging event
		Item 7	Report on thematic funding in support of the MTSP
	p.m.	*Item 4*	Approval of revised CPDs
		Item 12	PSD workplan and proposed budget for 2006
	5-6 p.m.		Informal consultations
Thursday, 19 January	a.m.	*Item 14*	Other matters Action on outstanding draft decisions
		Item 15	Closing statements
	p.m.		

* When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP			
Friday, 20 January	a.m.	*Item 1*	Capacity-building and development Chair: President, UNICEF Executive Board
	p.m.	*Item 2*	Transition from relief to development, focusing on natural disasters Chair: President, WFP Executive Board
Monday, 23 January	a.m.	*Item 3*	HIV/AIDS: Follow-up to the recommendations of the Global task Team Chair: President, UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board
	p.m.	*Item 4*	Simplification and harmonization, focusing on the programming process Chair: President, UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board